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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 November 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed November 28, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Stewart fails to disclose simulcast signals transmitted from base stations to a mobile station in order to determine the location of the mobile station. The examiner, however, disagrees. Stewart teaches a method of locating a mobile station by using TDOA (col. 5, lines 15-18). Stewart teaches that the mobile station observes the time difference of arrival in signals from multiple base stations to the mobile station (col. 5, lines 19-27). Inherently, the signals from the base stations have to be transmitted at the same time (simulcast) in order for the mobile to calculate the time difference of the arriving signals. Further, as stated in Stewart, the timing reference between the base stations should be known for effectively calculating TDOA (col. 5, lines 38-40).

Based on the above arguments, the rejection to the claims stands as set forth below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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3. Claims 1-7, 10-16 and 18-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stewart et al (Stewart), U.S. Patent No. 6,009,091.

Regarding claims 1-7, 10-16 and 18-27, Stewart discloses a method for locating a mobile station comprising receiving a plurality of simulcast signals from respective base stations; determining relative time of arrival information for the received plurality of simulcast signals and determining the position of the mobile station (col. 4, line 66-col. 5, line 27). Stewart further discloses OFDM modulation and the transmission of the base station ID in simulcast signals (col. 3, line 64-col. 4, line 4, col. 7, lines 52-57).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stewart and well known prior art.

Regarding claims 8 and 9, Stewart discloses the method according to claim 1 as described. Stewart, however, fails to specifically disclose the various techniques of locating a mobile station such as using GPS and Doppler Shift.

The examiner contends, however, that such techniques are very well known in the art and the examiner takes official notice as such. At the time of invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to modify Stewart with such

location determining mechanisms to perhaps improve the accuracy of locating a mobile station in an emergency situation.

6. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stewart in view of Oren et al (Oren), U.S. Patent No. 6,725,045.

Regarding claim 17, Stewart the method of claim 15 as described above. Stewart, however, fails to disclose broadcasting location-specific advertisements.

In a similar field endeavor, Oren discloses broadcasting location-specific advertisements (col. 4, lines 8-13).

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Stewart with the teachings of Oren in order to notify mobile units of advertisements the mobile user may be interested in.

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Temica M. Beamer whose telephone number is (571) 272-7797. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (alternate Fridays) 7:00am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Feild can be reached on (571) 272-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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